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OIL SPILL LATEST

VO :25

The danger to wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico is greater than the oil-covered pelicans that have been rescued. Marine scientists are seeing some strange and troubling phenomena. Dolphins and sharks are showing up in surprisingly shallow water just off the Florida coast. Mulletts, crabs, rays and small fish congregate by the thousands off an Alabama pier. Their presence close to shore means their usual haunts are badly polluted.

SPIRIT AIRLINE STRIKE OVER

VO :22

Spirit Airlines made a deal with its pilots on Wednesday that will end their five-day-old walkout, the union said. The airline said it will resume flights on Friday. Pilots were working out a back-to-work agreement and technically remain on strike until that is done, said Andy Nelson, the vice chairman of the council for the Spirit branch of the Air Line Pilots Association. "Our intention is to help get the airline back up and running as quickly and efficiently as possible," he said. Spirit had already canceled its Thursday flights before the agreement was reached. A Spirit spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

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06/18/10

OBAMA ECONOMY

VO :21

President Barack Obama is dashing into Ohio for the groundbreaking of a \$25 million road project, part of his strategy to remind Americans that the massive stimulus spending he signed into law is still churning out the jobs. Obama will be in Columbus, Ohio, for only about 90 minutes Friday, long enough to celebrate what the White House calls a significant moment: the start of the 10,000th road project launched under the recovery act.

The president will use the event to point out that thousands of other road projects are slated this summer. Improvements to national parks, drinking water systems and energy plants are also on the list.

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06/22/10

OBAMA HEALTH CARE

VO :24

President Barack Obama will meet with health insurers and state insurance commissioners at the White House this morning. Afterward, Obama will speak to reporters about the ongoing

effort to implement the new health care overhaul law, and the new benefits it affords to families across the country. He'll deliver his remarks in the East Room. In the evening, Obama will speak to gay activists at the White House. Vice President Joe Biden will also attend the event.

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06/23/10

MCCHRYSTAL & OBAMA WHITE HOUSE

VO: 20

Afghanistan war commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal has completed a closed-door meeting with President Barack Obama and has left the White House. There was no immediate word on whether Obama would fire him for his inflammatory comments in a magazine interview. Significantly, McChrystal departed the White House before Obama convened a regularly scheduled war planning meeting there.

Officials had indicated earlier that McChrystal was summoned back to Washington from Afghanistan to explain at that session disparaging remarks he made about civilian leaders in an interview with Rolling Stone.

FED-INTEREST RATES

VO: 24

The Federal Reserve is expected to leave interest rates at record lows as it ends a two-day meeting Wednesday with policymakers having cause for optimism as well as caution. The Fed is also likely to repeat a pledge to keep interest rates low for a while to sustain the fragile economic rebound. Manufacturing activity is picking up. Businesses are spending more. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has expressed confidence that the nation won't fall back into a "double dip" recession.

MOBILE PHONES-CANCER

VO: 14

San Francisco on Tuesday became the first U.S. jurisdiction to respond to increased concerns over possible links between cellphone use and cancer, adopting a city ordinance requiring retailers to post the radiation levels of mobile phones. In a 10-to-1 vote, the city's board of supervisors passed an ordinance that would require stores to post the specific absorption rates (SAR) of phones. Those rates are the levels at which radio frequencies penetrate body tissue. Mayor Gavin Newsom co-sponsored the measure and is expected to sign off on the ordinance to make it official. San Francisco's action casts new attention on the potential link between cellphone use and cancer and other illnesses caused by the radiation emitted from phones. The issue hasn't gained as much attention in the United States as it has overseas, where Israel, Great Britain, France and Germany are among a growing number of countries that have begun warning cellphones users of potential risks those devices pose for long-term users and children.

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06/24/10

IMMIGRATION REFORM CONGRESS

VO: 25

The Obama administration has been holding behind-the-scenes talks to determine whether the Department of Homeland Security can unilaterally grant legal status on a mass basis to illegal immigrants, a former Bush administration official who spoke with at least three people involved

in those talks told FoxNews.com. The issue was raised publicly by eight Republican senators who wrote to the White House on Monday to complain that they had heard the administration was readying a "Plan B" in case a comprehensive immigration reform bill cannot win enough support to clear Congress. The White House would not confirm or deny the claim. It's unclear what section of the illegal immigrant population such a move would target. But the former Bush official said the discussions are real.

MCCRISTAL - OBAMA PETRAEUS

VO: 24

President Barack Obama on Wednesday stripped Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal of his command of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan for making disparaging remarks about administration officials just over a year after he was entrusted with salvaging the war effort. Obama named Gen. David Petraeus, commander of American forces in the Middle East and Central Asia and the architect of U.S. counterinsurgency strategy, to replace McChrystal. "As difficult as it is to lose Gen. McChrystal, I believe it is the right decision," Obama said at the White House. The belittling comments the general and unnamed aides made to a magazine reporter do "not meet the standards that should be set by a commanding general."

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OBAMA JOBS BILL

VO: 27

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said Thursday that after Republicans once again defeated a bill to reauthorize several expired domestic aid programs, including extended unemployment benefits, Democrats are giving up on trying to break the GOP filibuster. "We're going to move to the small business jobs bill," said Reid. "We can't pass it until we get some Republicans... It's up to them."

FINANCIAL OVERHAUL

VO: 18

Congressional negotiators struck a deal Friday on the toughest financial regulations since the Great Depression, aiming to rein in Wall Street excess and tighten rules on everything from simple debit card swipes to the most complex securities. House and Senate bargainers approved the deal after an all-night meeting, giving President Barack Obama a fresh campaign-season triumph after his health care overhaul -- and an achievement to tout at the weekend global economic summit in Canada. Democrats hope lawmakers can pass the legislation and ship it to Obama for his signature by July 4, capping a burst of action prompted by the worst recession in seven decades.

CHILD HEAT DEATH

VO: 24

Temperatures are rising and so are reports of infants and toddlers dying from being trapped inside sizzling automobiles. A researcher says 18 children have died of hyperthermia since the beginning of the year, with eight deaths reported since June 13. That's the largest number of fatalities through the first half of a year since Jan Null, an adjunct professor of meteorology at San Francisco State University, began tracking the data in the late 1990s.

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06/28/10

OIL SPILL MISSISSIPPI

VO :21

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour says he's pressing BP and federal officials to increase resources in his state, where oil has reached the shoreline and continues to flow into the waters around barrier islands. Barbour says resources are needed to attack the oil as far south as possible. Donald Langham, Jackson County's emergency management director, says tar balls and a patch of oil were spotted at the St. Andrews beach and at the Lake Mars pier in Gulf Park Estates. Officials say cleanup is underway. Barbour says more oil was found in the Mississippi Sound, north of Petit Bois and Horn islands. Barbour says oil also was in the passes between those islands and Ship Island.

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OBAMA - IMMIGRATION W/ HISPANICS CAUCUS

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President Barack Obama is following up two days of meetings on U.S. immigration policy with a speech Thursday on the need for a comprehensive solution to what he and others have said is a broken system. Obama discussed immigration and the speech at a White House meeting Tuesday with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. He held similar talks with advocates and labor leaders a day earlier.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO: 26

Senate Democrats are working on a new way to jump-start their stalled election-year jobs agenda while saving unemployment benefits for hundreds of thousands of laid-off workers. The plan is to package, in one bill, the unemployment benefits and an extend tax credit for people who buy new homes. Democrats hope to pick up Republican support by combining the two provisions.

CONGRESS WAR FUNDING

VO: 24

House Democrats who are trying to pass a long-stalled war funding bill are sweetening it with \$10 billion to help local school districts avoid teacher layoffs when schools reopen. The approximately \$70 billion measure is anchored by President Barack Obama's \$30 billion request for the troop surge in Afghanistan and contains money for disaster aid accounts, foreign aid and disability benefits for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange. The bill's release was the surest signal yet that House leaders are committed to passing it this week, despite deepening anxiety over the Afghanistan war effort among the president's Democratic allies in Congress. The Senate passed an almost \$60 billion version of the bill last month.

EXPERT SEES BIG MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS FROM BP SPILL

VO: 21

The mental health impacts of the BP oil spill will dwarf those encountered after the last major oil spill off U.S. shores, a sociologist who studied the Exxon Valdez spill told Florida volunteers on Tuesday. University of South Alabama researcher Steve Picou said the effects of the spill will far overshadow the negative effects experienced by 30,000 Alaska residents after the Exxon tanker dumped millions of gallons (liters) of crude into Prince William Sound in 1989.

MEDICARE CHANGES COULD SHORTCHANGE VULNERABLE HOSPITALS

VO: 20

The U.S. government's plan to base Medicare payments to hospitals on certain quality-of-care measures could end up transferring funds away from hospitals in the nation's poorest, underserved areas, an analysis published Tuesday suggests. The findings, researchers say, raise the possibility that the so-called "pay-for-performance" initiative could inadvertently worsen existing healthcare disparities.

INTENSIVE DIABETES TREATMENTS GIVE MIXED RESULTS

VO: 30

Aggressive drug treatment to lower blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol in diabetics does little to prevent heart disease and strokes, but it does help prevent diabetic eye disease, nerve and kidney disease, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. The five-year, U.S. government-backed study, presented at the American Diabetes Association meeting on Tuesday, was stopped temporarily in February 2008 because there were 20 percent more deaths among diabetics with heart problems who got intensive treatment to lower their blood sugar compared to those who were treated more conservatively.

SMOKING AROUND KIDS EXACTS A HIGH TOLL: STUDIES

VO: 18

American kids can breathe a sigh of relief, according to a study out today in the journal *Pediatrics* that finds their exposure to second-hand smoke at home has dropped significantly since the mid-1990s. But two other reports in the journal show that early-life exposure could lead to behavioral and health problems later in life.